

Steamships Racing

The Cunarder Etruria Passes the City of Paris.

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Sara Bernhardt Felled by a Russian Mob—Hard Times in Germany—Mysterious Explosion in Dublin—Congress of the Doctors—Terrible Suffering in Russia—Cholera in Hamburg on the Increase.

Cholera in Hamburg. HAMBURG, Dec. 25.—Since Friday there have been twelve fresh cases of cholera and three deaths here.

They Felled Sara. ODESSA, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Bernhardt met with a very hostile reception here last night. While going to the theatre in her carriage she was attacked by an anti-semitic mob and showered with cucumbers and other missiles. The windows of her carriage were smashed, but the tragedienne was not hurt.

Congress of 300 Doctors. BERLIN, Dec. 25.—The Russian Government has summoned a congress of 300 doctors of whom 150 are from cholera-infested districts. The congress will sit for eight days and will prepare a report on the measures to be adopted to meet the expected recurrence of the epidemic in the Russian dominions.

Germany's Military Policy. BERLIN, Dec. 25.—Chancellor von Caprivi's organs reiterate that the army bill must be passed before the Reichstag will be dissolved. This measure is the strongest weapon of the Government. Many members of the Reichstag are quaking at the prospect of a general election through which the Socialists and members of the Freinagle party alone are likely to benefit.

Rough Weather on the Atlantic. LONDON, Dec. 25.—The steamer Etruria, from New York, arrived at Kinsale at 4:55 yesterday morning. A heavy gale was blowing and the steamer made no attempt to call at Queenstown, but proceeded to Liverpool.

Quarantine. LONDON, Dec. 25.—Notwithstanding the heavy weather the City of Paris landed a number of her passengers and her mails at Queenstown. The passengers are all experienced travellers on the voyage.

The Financial Pulse. LONDON, Dec. 25.—As regards discount, if any change for the past week is to be noted, the situation has become worse. Bills were exceedingly scarce and competition was as keen as ever. With the approach of the Christmas holidays business on the Stock Exchange became very inactive. As the week went by the condition of affairs in America caused uneasiness, to which feeling the Panama scandal also contributed. Nevertheless in many quarters a moderate improvement was noted. British funds and corporations' securities benefited by the ease of money. Considering the exciting events in the French Chamber of Deputies, rates showed surprising firmness.

Terrible Suffering in Russia. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.—Count Bismarck, marshal of the court, has issued a decree for aid for the famine sufferers in the Province of Tula. There are said to be 12,000 persons in the province dependent on outside assistance. The government is not sufficient to prevent the ravages of the famine. The crops are an utter failure and the condition of the farmers even worse than in 1891. The rich have become poor and the poor have become beggars. The peasants use the roofs of their houses for fuel, and count on the debris of straw, coal and wood. Typhus is raging to an alarming extent among the people. The fever sufferers lie huddled under their roofless huts without attendance and without bread.

Mysterious Explosion in Dublin. DUBLIN, Dec. 25.—An explosion occurred at 11 o'clock last night outside of the detective office in Exchange Court. Detective Smith, who was passing at the time, was killed. The cause of the explosion is near the city hall, and not far from Dublin Castle. The detective office, known as "G," is a police headquarters, is at 3 and 4 Exchange Court, just off Dame street, one of the principal thoroughfares of the city. Although there were not many people in the streets at the time, the hour being late, the report of the explosion, caused in some excitement. Many persons recalled the attempt to blow up Dublin Castle on Dec. 1st, and thought that another attempt had been made to accomplish its destruction. No satisfactory explanation of the explosion has yet been obtained.

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by the rapid growth of trees and plants and washes from the hillside. The high of the wreck of costly machinery along the line of the canal is enough to make one weep. They told me it was worth \$20,000,000. It will all go to the Colombian Government, but it is questionable whether it has much actual value, owing to its condition and remote situation."

WRECKED DREDGERS. Huge dredgers, some half concealed in trees which have sprung up around them, stand in the ditch and on the hillside just as time biting off chunks of earth. There are hundreds of them. Some of the larger ones are looked after by native watchmen. Just before the train rolls into Fifth Avenue, one notices in the river bank a wreck of a dredger, side-wheel, shovel water as they were left when the French model, where the money went.

"The entire isthmus is almost a continuation of little towns or settlements of the canal company. The corrugated iron sheds, wooden houses, with their wide verandas, from the barracks of the times to the elaborate cottages of the officials, all of brick or cement foundations, every inch of every inch of material having been imported at double cost, show where the money went."

RESERVED TOWNS. "These towns are all deserted save by a few natives and Jamaica negroes, the latter, however, living in their dirty little huts. These negroes were the only persons who could stand the work, and they scattered along the canal are scores of locomotives, some under sheds, but most of them exposed."

ABANDONED CARS. There are thousands of flat and dump cars side-tracked and lying about. In several of the larger yards are iron and machinery, ready to be used for the construction of railroads, and machinery of all kinds, all rusty, and as good as worthless.

and all placed there at twenty times their cost. This scene of desolation, of ruin and of wreckage is one of the most impressive sights one can witness, especially as one realizes that this is all there is to show for the millions thrown into the ground on the isthmus."

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